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Die Mercurii, 5. *Julii*, 1648.

ORdered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That it be referred to a Committee to confer with the Common-councell of the Citie of *London*, and such as they shall appoint, and with the Commanders of the Souldiers in *London*, concerning their ingagement for the safety of the King and Parliament, during the intended Treaty, and touching the manner of the security, (*viz.*) unto

Mr *Whitlock*	Mr. *Prideaux*	Mr. *Edward Stephens*
Mr. *Swinfen*	Sir *Hen. Vain jun.*	Mr. *Ellis*
Mr. *Hungerford*	Mr. *Reynolds.*	Mr. Serjeant *Wilde*
Mr. *Sam. Browne*	Major Gen. *Brown*	Mr. *Strode*
Mr. *John Asbe*	Sir *Robert Harley*	Mr. *Gell*
Sir *Martyn Lumley*	Sir *Tho. Witherington*	Col. *Wilson*
Mr. *Bois*	Sir *James Harrington*	Mr. *Wheeler*
Mr. *John Stephens*	Mr. *Crew.*	Mr. *Green*
Sir *Dudley North*	Sir *Joh. Evelyn* of *Wilts*	Col. *Edwards*,
Sir *Walter Erle*	Col. *Ven.*	And the Citizens and
Col. *Copley*	Mr. *Drake*	Burgesses of the City
Mr. *Salloway*	Mr. *Doddridge*	of *London.*

This Committee is to conferre with the Common-councell of the Citie of *London*, and such as they shall appoint, and with the Commanders of the Souldiers in *London*, concerning their ingagement for the safety of the King and Parliament, during the intended Treatie, and touching the manner of their *Security*.

H. Elsyng Cler. Parl. D. Com.

Commune Concilium tent, ſexto die, Iulii, Anno Dom. 1648, Annoque regni Regis Caroli Angliæ, &c. Viceſimo quarto.

TO this Common-councell came divers Members of the honorable Houſe of Commons, as a Committee appointed by that Houſe; And after ſome ſhort preamble made by Sir *Robert Harley* Knight, and *Giles Green* Eſquire, they preſented an Order of the ſaid Houſe, made the fifth day of this inſtant *Iuly*; whereby the ſaid Committee are authorized to conferre with this Common-councell, and ſuch as they ſhall appoint, and with the Commanders of the Souldiers in *London*, concerning their Engagement for the ſafety of the King and Parliament during the intended Treaty, and touching the manner of their ſecuritie; The which order was here openly read, and the ſame Committee having withdrawn themſelves, this Court took this buſineſſe, being of great concernment, into debate and conſideration; and doe declare, *That if his Majeſty ſhall come up to the City of* London, *there to Treat with his Parliament for the ſetling of a ſafe and wel-grounded Peace, this Court (as much as in them lyeth) will (by the bleſſing of God) defend His Majeſties Royall perſon, and the Parliament, in honor and ſafety againſt all violence whatſoever, with their lives and eſtates during this Treaty, according to the Covenant.*

And further in perſuance of the ſaid Order, it is ordered by this Court, That Mr. Alderman *Langham*, Mr. Alderman *Bunce*, Mr. Alderman *Avery*, Mr. Alderman *Bide*, Mr. Ald. *Pack*, and Mr. Alderman *Browne*, or any three of them; Mr. *Vincent*, Mr. *Edwin Brown*, Mr. *Archer*, Mr. *Nathaniel Hall*, Mr. Dep. *Chamberlain*, Mr. *William Bateman*, Major *Chamberlain*, Mr. *Peter Ionas*, Mr. Dep. *Clowes*, Mr. Dep. *Glyd*, Mr. *Chetwin*, and Mr. *Milles*, or any ſix of them, ſhall bee and they are by this Court appointed a Committee to conferre with the ſaid Committee of Parliament: As namely, with Mr. *Whitlock*, Mr. *Swinfen*, &c. touching the manner of the ſecurity for the ſafety of the King and Parliament, during the Treatie; And to conſider what things are fit to bee propounded for the better enabling of this Court to performe their ſaid engagement, and all things conducing thereunto; and to this purpoſe, they are alſo to conſer with the commanders of the Souldiers in the city touching the ſame: And the ſaid Committee appointed by this Common-counceel are to acquaint this Court from time to time of their proceedings and opinions therein.

Michel.

Commune Concilium tentum in Camera Guilhald' Civit' London undecimo die Iulii, 1648. Annoq; regni Domini noſtri Caroli nunc Regis Angliæ, &c. Viceſimo quarto.

AT this Common-councell, the Committee appointed by the order of this Court made the Sixt day of this inſtant *July*, to confer with the Committee aſſigned by Order of the honorable Houſe of Commons, concerning the engagement of this City for the ſafetie of the King and Parliament during the intended Treatie, and touching the manner of their ſecurity; did now preſent unto this Court a Paper expreſſing their progreſſe and proceedings therein; The which was here openly read, and every particular therein conſidered of, and ſome alteration was made in the anſwers given to the propoſitions made by the ſaid Honorable Committee: the tenor whereof is as followeth, *viz.*

The ſaid honorable Committe did deſire that the Military Forces, and the Court of Common-councell, would ſatisfie them what they intend and mean by thoſe words in the Petition of the Military Officers, wherein the Petition of the Common-councell to the Parliament doth concurre; Viz. *That the King and Parliament may meet and Treat with Freedome, Honor, and Safety, according to the ancient Fundamentall Conſtitutions of this Kingdome.*

To this the Committee of the Common-councell made anſwer as followeth; *viz.* By theſe words [The King and Parliament may meet and Treat with Honor, Freedome, and Safety, according to the ancient Fundamentall conſtitutions of this Kingdome) we mean, That the King and Parliament may meet and Treat free from force or violence, which we conceive to be according to the ancient Fundamentall conſtitutions of this Kingdome.

The ſaid honorable Committee did further deſire, that the Committee of Common-councell would ſatisfie them, what is meant by theſe words; Viz. [*That they will defend His Majeſties royall perſon, and the Parliament, during the Treatie, according to their Covenant.*]

The Committee of Common-councell did give anſwer thereunto as follow th: *viz.* By thoſe words [To defend the King and Parliament according to the Covenant] we mean, that during the Treaty we will defend the King and Parliament (as much as in us lyeth) free from all force and violence.

The ſaid Honorable Committee did further deſire, that the Committee of Common-councell ſhould ſatisfie them, what they intend

tend and mean in the Petition of the Militiary Officers, wherein the Petition of the Common-councell concur) by the word [*Freedome*] in the laſt clauſe; and likewiſe what they mean by theſe words [*otherwiſe interrupt.*]

To this the Committe of the Common-councell gave the ſeverall anſwers following, *viz.* By the word [Freedome] wee underſtand free from force and violence; and by the words [otherwiſe interrupt] wee meane all hoſtile forces whatſoever; the which anſwers were approved of by this Court.

The ſaid honorable Committee did further propund, that in caſe the Parliament ſhall make choice of this City to bee the place of the Treaty, and that the Common-councell on the behalf of the City, doe ingage themſelves to defend both King and Parliament from violence during the Treaty (*whether the City will maintain their Guards at their own charge.*)

To which the Committee of Common-councell did anſwer, that the ſame being a matter of charge, muſt be reſolved by Common-councell, and that they would acquaint the Common-councell therewith; Concerning this queſtion, this Court did take the ſame into their ſerious conſideration, and after ſome debate had thereupon; this Court declared, that if the ſaid intended Tteaty be in *London*, that then the City will for the preſent defray the charge for the maintaining of the Military Guards, for the purpoſe aforeſaid, during the Treaty, and afterwards refer themſelves to King and Parliament for ſatisfaction thereof.

The ſaid honorable Committee did further propoſe, that in caſe the King ſhall not conſent and agree to ſuch things as ſhall bee propounded and inſiſted on by both Houſes of Parliament, in this Treaty for a ſafe and well-grounded peace [*whether they will undertake and engage that the Perſon of the King ſhall be diſpoſed of as both Houſes of Parliament ſhall think fit.*]

To which the ſaid Committee of Commor-councell did anſwer as followeth, *viz.* Under the favour of this honorable Committee, we cannot underſtand by the Order of the Honorable Houſe of Commons, which was delivered unto us for this Treaty, That there *is* any thing therein mentioned, tending to that which by this honorable Committee propounded concerning the delivery up of the King in caſe of the King and Parliament did not agree.

And the ſaid honorable Committee did further declare, (*that they were not ſatisfied with this anſwer concerning the diſpoſing of the Kings perſon*

ſon in caſe the King and Parliament did not agree; and did expect a further anſwer.

To which the Committee of Common councell did anſwer and ſay, That they would acquaint the Common-conncell therewith; Concerning which propoſition, this Court did take the ſame into their ſerious conſideration, and upon a full and large debate thereupon, did declare, that in caſe the ſaid intended Treaty ſhall bee in *London*, and that His Majeſty and His Parliament ſhould not agree (which God forbid) then they conceive themſelves bound to ſubmit to the wiſdome of both Houſes of Parliament.

The ſaid Honorable Committee did likewiſe deſire (*that the Committee of Common-councell, and the Military Officers, ſhould ſatisfie them in what manner, and by what meanes, they will make good their engagement, by defending the King and Parliament againſt all violence.*

To which the Committee of Common-councell made anſwer and propounded as followeth, *viz.* We doe declare, and we are ready according to our Engagement, (as much as in us lyeth) by the Trained Bands of the City, and the late Lines of Communication to guard and defend the King and Parliament from all force and violence. And to the end that wee may bee inabled to perform the ſame, wee doe humbly offer, That the Ordinance for the uniting of the Military Forces within the late Lines of Communication and the Pariſhes of the Weekely Bills of Mortality, to the Forces of the City, to bee one intire Militia, may bee ſpeedily paſſed.

That the Militia may be enabled to raiſe ſuch other Forces as they ſhall finde needfull, to carry them through this ſervice; And that no other Forces may bee raiſed, or made uſe of within this City and late Lines of Communication, but by Authority of the ſaid Militia by conſent of Common-councell.

To conſider that our dangers are either from without or from within, and therefore propounded, *viz.* For thoſe without, that for our better ſecurity in guarding the King and Parliament, wee deſire that ſome courſe may bee taken as ſhall bee thought fit by Wiſedome of Parliament, that no Forces in Armes may come within 30. miles of *London* during the time of the Treaty; And for thoſe within, that what perſon or perſons ſoever ſhall make any Tumult, Inſurrection or diſturbance, during the time of this Treaty, after Proclamation made, it ſhall be death.

That if the Wiſedome of Parliament ſhall think fit, that none that have born Armes againſt the Parliament, or have or ſhall contribute

thereunto,

thereunto, shall bee permitted during the said Treaty to come within 30. miles of *London*, without leave of the Parliament had or to be had.

Concerning this desire or proposition of the said Honourable Committee, this Court doth approve of the Answers thereunto, and Propositions made touching the same. And this Court doth Order that the said Committee of Common-councell shall communicate unto the said honorable Committee, the aforesaid Answers and Propositions of this Court, to be by them presented unto both Houses of Parliament. And also to declare unto them, That it is the humble desire of this Court, that the said Treaty may be with all expedition, for the preventing of further inconveniencies. And likewise that this Court will use their endevours (if the said Treaty be in *London*) for the finding out some convenient place within the city for that purpose, and such other accommodations as shall be fitting.

It is Ordered by this Common-councell, That the Common-councell-men and Commanders, or such as they shall appoint, shall within their severall Precincts, either by calling all the Inhabitants before them, or by their going from house to house, receive their concurrence to the said Engagement by subscription of their names.

Michel.

Commune Concilium tent' in camera Guildhald' civit' London, duodecimo die Iulii, 1648. Annoq; regni Domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Angliæ, &c. Vicesimo quarto.

IT is Ordered by this Court, that the Committee appointed by the Common-councell the sixth day of this instant *Iuly*, to conferre with the Committee assigned by Order of the Honourable House of Commons, concerning the ingagement of this City for the safety of the King and Parliament, during the intended Treaty, shall forthwith take care to disperse unto the Aldermen, Deputies, Common-councell-men, and Commanders in the respective Wards within this City, the Acts and resolutions of this Court, touching the same Engagement passed the 11. day of this moneth, and that under the same, these words be written, *viz.*

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, doe engage with the Common-counsell, Commanders and Commission Officers of the City of *London* in their engagement above mentioned, and promise with our lives and fortunes by the blessing of God to perform the same.

FINIS. *Michel.*